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Before the House Committee on Corrections
And Juvenile Justice
Regarding SB 414 (Proponent)
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Chairman Owens and members of the Committee:

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) supports SB 414. The fentanyl crisis in Kansas (and nationwide) continues to worsen. The KBI has prioritized and dedicated significant resources to the Fight Against Fentanyl with the Joint Fentanyl Impact Team (JFIT) which includes four K9 teams trained in the detection of Fentanyl and other dangerous narcotics. While KBI Director Mattivi has stated that we cannot enforce our way out of the problem that does not mean we shouldn't severely punish those bad actors who insist on manufacturing and distributing fentanyl.

To that end, this bill would amend the sentencing grid to increase the severity of penalty for distribution of any fentanyl-related controlled substance. The KBI believes this is a necessary and important amendment that will clarify the law and set appropriately harsh penalties.

The KBI appreciates the work of this Committee in this regard and stands ready to assist as needed.

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